



UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
P.O. Box 1450
ALEXANDRIA, VA 22313-1450
www.uspto.gov

Paper No. 13

LISA HILLMAN
MCDONNELL BOEHNEN HULBERT & BERGHOFF
32ND FLOOR
300 S WACKER DRIVE
CHICAGO IL 60606

COPY MAILED

JUN 2 6 2003

OFFICE OF PETITIONS

In re Application of
Cunningham, Hobbs, Pepper, Lin, Li, Pien
Application No. 09/929,957
Filed: August 15, 2001
For : LABEL-FREE HIGH-THROUGHPUT
OPTICAL TECHNIQUE FOR DETECTING
BIOMOLECULAR INTERACTIONS

DECISION GRANTING STATUS
UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a)

This is a decision on the petition filed January 22, 2002 under 37 CFR 1.47(a) to accord this application status in the absence of the signature of joint inventor Hobbs

The petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a) to accord this application status is **granted**.

The application and papers have been reviewed and found in compliance with 37 CFR 1.47(a). This application is hereby accorded Rule 1.47(a) status.

As provided in Rule 1.47(a), this Office will forward notice of this application's filing date to non-signing inventor Hobbs at the address given in the petition. Notice of the filing of this application will also be published in the *Official Gazette*. The USPTO regrets the delay in treating the petition.

This application is being forwarded to Technology Center AU 1743.

Telephone inquiries related to this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (703) 305-1820.

Brian Hearn
Senior Petitions Examiner
Office of Petitions
Office of the Deputy Commissioner
for Patent Examination Policy